

A Parisian complains that kissing is out of fashion in France. Import the American girl!

The latest Paris edict is that women must be thin. It must have been ordered by a majority vote.

The Boston Globe notes with lively interest the release of 1000 Newchwang junks loaded with beans.

The earl has the actress. Or is it the actress that has the earl? Either way it is safe to defer congratulations.

A new novel is dedicated: "To the women with red hair"—probably in the hope that the novel will be also read.

"Where is heaven?" anxiously asks the New York Herald. But what earthly difference can it possibly make to the Herald?

Oyama says he attributes all his success to the virtues of his emperor. The old man probably isn't telling all he thinks, however.

A stock broker says it is just as safe now as it ever was for the poor to put their savings into Wall street. He is a truthful man.

The wicked Arabs seem to have made a great mistake in kidnapping Count de Zegonzac. French counts never have any money.

Beer is 25 cents a glass in Panama. The republic really has done remarkably well to get along for more than a year without a revolution.

Investigation probably would show that neither of the armies in the far east worried greatly about China's neutrality at critical times.

The young Chicago medical student who is curing rheumatism by hypnotism ought to be able to find plenty of practice, if he can keep it up.

If President Roosevelt would solve the servant girl problem for them the women of the country would be willing to chance it on race suicide.

"Battleships," says Lord Charles Beresford, oracularly, "are cheaper than war." However, permanent, universal peace is cheaper than either.

That the Marquis of Anglesey left a valuable estate at Llanfairpwllgwyngyll is a fact and not a typographical error, as might be supposed.

If any bird is to assume supremacy in the scheme of creation, as Prof. Williston thinks, there can be no doubt that it will be the American hen.

Can the Pennsylvania judge who has decided on the bench that the husband is "master in his own house" sustain the decision of the court at home?

What's this Germany complains that America pilfers her literary ideas? Our beer may be more or less a plagiarism; but we deny the literary impeachment.

The scientific theory that petroleum is derived from old fossils looks like an unkind and wholly uncalled for reflection upon Mr. Rockefeller's personal appearance.

A Berlin professor claims to have discovered a serum that will cure hay fever. And a host of sufferers may be expected to remark next August that they "hobe id's drue."

Gen. Ma is heard from at last in the vicinity of the interesting town of Tungchaintze, but our other old friend, Gen. Pflug, seems to have faded entirely out of sight.

Why should the Congress of Motherhood propose to start a newspaper to spread their gospel? Isn't every newspaper in the country in favor of babies and lots of them? Why crowd?

Mr. Grover Cleveland celebrated the completion of his sixty-eighth year by starting off on a hunting trip. The jackrabbits agree with Dr. Osler that a man ought to retire before reaching that age.

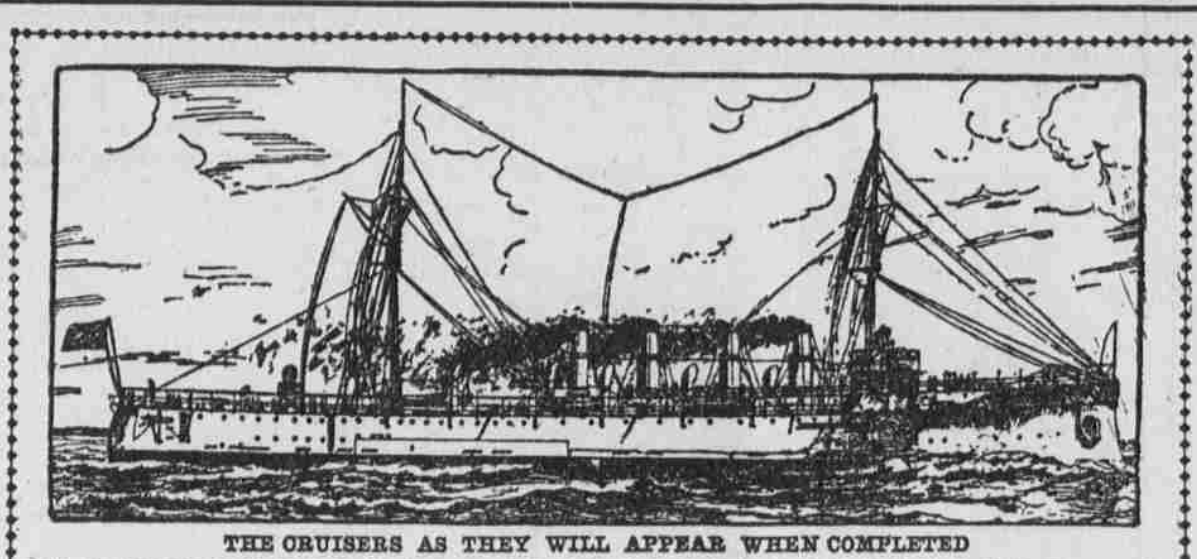
The United States circuit court has ruled that fancy socks must pay duty as embroidery. If the embroidery takes the shape of "clocks" would the court require the hose to be entered as timepieces?

Any possible rumor that Sluggish Jeffries is to play in a piece by George Bernard Shaw is denied in advance by the press agent. When there is slugging to be done in a play Mr. Shaw prefers to do it himself.

Mrs. Cornelia Cladin says man's bones, muscles and nerves are constructed to endure for 400 years. We are not so certain about the bones and muscles, but some nerves are built on that model all right.

A Chicago man after having had a disagreeable experience with a lady who was able to wipe up the floor with him advises men to avoid marrying girls who are heavier than themselves. He ought in all fairness to have a royalty from the producers of anti-fat concoctions.

NEW SCOUT CRUISERS FOR AMERICAN NAVY  
LIGHTLY ARMED; BUT BUILT FOR SPEED



THE CRUISERS AS THEY WILL APPEAR WHEN COMPLETED

Plans have been completed and announced for three new "scout cruisers" to be added to the United States navy. They are to be named Chester, Birmingham and Salem. The act of congress providing for them says they shall have the highest speed compatible with the best cruising qualities.

These vessels will carry some small guns, but will depend on their swiftness for safety. They will be 420 feet in length between perpendiculars, forty-six feet in breadth, and have a mean draft of sixteen feet nine inches. Each will carry 1,250 tons of coal. Nothing larger than a three-inch gun will be carried, but

there will be a number of these. Each scout will also have two submerged tubes, from which torpedoes may be discharged. The scouts must show a speed of twenty-four knots an hour on trial. This is nearly ten miles an hour more than the average fighting ship in a fleet would be able to make.

SOME ODD BELIEFS AND FANCIES OF SAILORMEN

We who have had so much of the nonsense knocked out of us by living in great towns are still not wholly cleared of the ancient fancy that there is more in the night than darkness.

The sailor—out in the darkness and solemnity of the great grave place, with only an inch between him and what comes after—would he not be calous indeed if he did not think there was more in the world than what is seen?

Yet no sailor is superstitious nowadays, writes a correspondent in the London Morning Leader. He would tell you so himself—like Mark Twain's honest man. He has no objection to sailing on a Friday; he thinks it ridiculous to believe that a Finn can raise a storm. But if you are with him 'long enough you will find that he has a little ritual and creed of his own which betrays him—you will catch him one day propitiating the unknown, though in a manner ever so small.

Like all folklore, the same sea fancies and tales are met with amongst the most diversified peoples—with but little difference you will find the same superstition in a Cornish lugger and a Chinese junk. When the ground swell begins to moan along the shore "the sea wants someone," say the Danish fishermen. They think the same in Cornwall, in the Shetlands, and wherever a regular tribute of lives is paid to the waters. The idea that the ninth, or, in some cases, the tenth wave, was the death wave was the belief of the ancients when the Atlantic was the Sea of Darkness. It still survives to-day in many widely-separated places.

**Whistling for Wind.**  
Once, when becalmed on a Devon trawler, I remember hearing the skipper, as he sat with his hand on the tiller gazing round the hazy sea, continually whistle for a wind. The boatmen do the same on the Ganges, the Greenlanders believe in its efficiency, and so do the Swedes, the Germans, and indeed nearly all the world's sailors. Whistling is a wind-raiser. Or another good plan is to scratch the fore or the mizzenmast with a knife, holding the handle in the desired quarter. But only whistle when there is a calm; to whistle in a wind may lose you the ship.

It is not surprising to find a belief in Jonahs common to all. There must be found in all sea nations a person occasionally of whom it will be darkly whispered in the forecabin, when ill-luck dogs the vessel, "a face like that would sink any boat."

But it is eerie to find that women, priests, and lawyers are lumped broadly as Jonahs by all experienced sailors.

A Cornish fisherman spoke to a woman who met him every day, and wished him good luck. But he never had any—until he ceased to meet her. The same fatality in women has been noticed in Japan among seafaring folk. No Japanese sailor is pleased to meet a woman when going to his fishing boat.

From time immemorial sailors have seen snakes, krakens, and other monsters, so we may take this to be a sort of habit. These creatures are still seen, even from steamers. But the mermaid never. She has gone. Steamers perhaps have no time to wait about while she combs her hair, which she always did very leisurely.

Much Remains to Be Learned.

Sir William Ramsey, the great English scientist, said: "All our progress since the time of Sir Isaac Newton has not falsified the saying of that great man—that we are but children, picking up here and there a pebble from the shore of knowledge, while a whole unknown ocean stretches before our eyes. Nothing can be more certain than that we are just beginning to learn something of the wonders of the world in which we live and move and have our being."

singing the while. Yet at one time there was such a firm belief in mermaids that it became imperative to obtain some proof of their existence.

Nothing really satisfactory and lasting was obtained—because the relic invariably broke up on a cold scientist.

Strange Visits.

In Moore's "Life of Byron" it is related that Capt. Kidd told Byron that the ghost of his brother, then in India, visited him at sea and lay down in his bunk, leaving it damp with sea water. Afterwards he found that his brother was drowned at that exact hour and night.

This is the old Teutonic belief in Goggers—the ghosts of those drowned at sea who visit their kindred and announce their own deaths. They always appear at evening twilight in the clothes in which they were drowned, leaving a track of water over the floor and wet covers on the bed. The West-country wives, when their men at sea in a storm will not, if they can help it, open the door to a knock at night. One never knows what may be there.

There is a queer story related of a Canadian schooner, with a lot of things in it which could be explained, no doubt, if only we knew everything. One voyage a man fell from the foremast and was killed. Shortly afterwards another hand fell from the same mast, and died. After which there was a cabin into which none would re-enter (for quite private reasons), having once been in it. The men would not go aloft in the foremast; they said it was not necessary to have any more hands up there. There were two already. The ship had luck all the way in, and the crew left her. Nor could another be obtained, for the yarn had gone round the town. Eventually the mate persuaded a new lot to ship who had just come off salt water and were new to the place. Straddling over the bulwarks, one of them looked aloft. "Hullo," he said, "why have you got a figurehead on the foretruck?" "It must be Bill," gasped the mate involuntarily. He was sorry he spoke. The new lot tumbled ashore at once. And it is a fact that yet more accidents happened that voyage, which finished with the foundering of the schooner.

The Flying Dutchman.

Of all legends of sea-phantoms, Vanderdecken is the best known. His ship is a double-decker, always to windward, and is sometimes seen in a fog during clear weather. She is often under full sail in a gale, and has been seen sailing under the clouds. Unusual weather conditions explain most of her wonders, as, for example, the well-known fact that under some circumstances a clear reflection of a ship may show, while the vessel itself is hundreds of miles away.

But there is a steamer captain somewhere in this world who really has seen the Flying Dutchman. I was told by the skipper who sailed the antique convict ship Success from Australia to London, for exhibition, that when in the seas off South Africa one bright moonlight night, he spied a steamer bearing down on them. The skipper said that even to himself his boat looked like the ghost of an ancient wreck, and he wondered what the steamer's watch would think. He soon found out. The course of the steamer was deliberately altered, and she stood off at a tangent.

Education a Moral Force.

The general fact is apparent that education is a force restraining vice and crime. Where it is purely intellectual it remains by teaching the truth expressed in the homely proverb, "Honesty is the best policy"; where it is the dignity of a Christian education it teaches not only the restraint of the intellect, but the higher restraint of the conscience. In either case it is a restraining force, a moral power, over the appetites and passions of men.—Edward B. Mansfield.

POLITICAL EVILS OF WAR.

Peculation and Dishonesty Invariably Accompaniments.

The political evils of war are almost as weighty as the moral, writes Charles J. Bullock in the Atlantic. Probably no government in modern times has been able to carry on a serious contest that has not been attended with extravagance and dishonesty; at any rate, the United States has never been able to do so. From the time that the soldiers suffered needlessly at Valley Forge on account of inefficient supply service and dishonest contractors, down to the purchase of army transports and "embalmed" beef in 1898, profusion and peculation have invariably attended our military operations. This evil, however, usually outlasts a war, because loose and irregular methods of conducting public business are not speedily reformed. After the civil war Washington was still infested by swindling contractors who found not a few choice pickings; and the slimy trail of the corruptionists led up to the doors of Congress and some of the executive departments.

When Wampum Was Currency.

A curious old document showing how shells in the shape of wampum deteriorated its currency on Manhattan Island is found among the minutes of the Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, of May, 1650, at the meeting in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherlands. The account reads: "Whereas, we see and for some time have seen the decline and depreciation of the loose wampum, among which is found much unperled and only half-finished, made of stone, glass, bone, shells, horn, nay even of wood and broken; therefore, we have resolved that henceforth no loose wampum shall be current unless strung upon a wire. Trade wampum shall pass as good pay as heretofore at the rate of six white or three black beads for one silver (2 cents). Done, resolved and decided this 30th of May, 1650, at our meeting in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherlands."

Coincidences in Legislation.

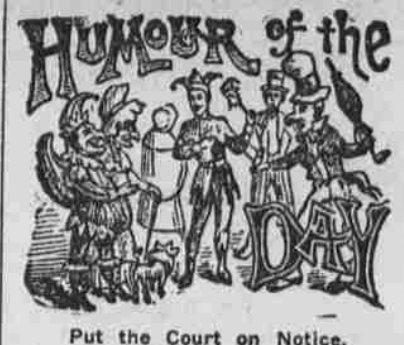
That pure-food bill in the United States senate has had about as hard a struggle as had the measures of Wilberforce in the British house of commons for the abolishing of the British slave trade. On Feb. 15, 1805, Wilberforce moved, "without entering into any argument," for a bill to abolish the slave trade after a limited time, and for a committee to consider its propriety. He had been introducing such a bill almost every year for fifteen years, although his twelve resolutions in 1789 without a division. But year after year the bill came to wreck, either in the house of lords or the commons, suffering defeat in 1796 because several of its supporters had gone to see a new comic opera. It was doomed to disaster again in 1805, but finally triumphed in 1807.

Diamond Fields in Canada.

Most of the diamond fields of the world lie in British territory. People generally will be surprised, however, by the declaration of a Canadian geologist that a new and undiscovered diamond field lies in Canada, somewhere between the great lakes and Hudson bay. Men of science will not be so much surprised. Diamonds have been found in Michigan and elsewhere, in the terminal moraines of vanished glaciers. Evidently the diamonds were carried to the spot by the glaciers and their origin evidently was in a diamond field somewhere in the north, whence they were torn by the ice sheets. The theory is perfect; all that remains to be found is the birthplace of the diamonds.

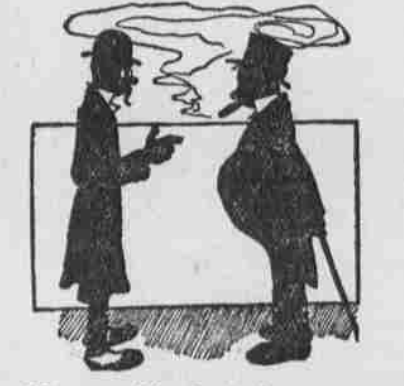
Disputed Rents Paid to Sultan.

In Turkey the sultan is the supreme landlord. If a tenant has a dispute with his immediate landlord, he can pay his rent to the sultan until the dispute is settled, and in the meanwhile the tenant cannot be put out of the possession of his house or farm. Owners of the soil in Turkey are, therefore, always anxious to keep on good terms with their tenants; for when rent is paid to the sultan it is a matter of some difficulty and danger for the rightful recipients of it to enforce their claim to the money.



Put the Court on Notice.  
In a rural justice court the defendant in a case was sentenced to serve thirty days in jail. He had known the judge from boyhood and addressed him as follows:  
"Bill, old boy, you're agwine ter send me ter jail, air you?"  
"That's what," replied the judge, "Lave you got anything to say agin' it?"  
"Only this here, Bill 'God help you when I get out.'"—Atlanta Constitution.

Still an Orphan.



"Yes, my friend, at the age of 11 I was left an orphan."  
"And what did you do with it?"—Half Holiday.

Vain Hope.

"Banks, can you remember just how much I owe you?"  
"Thirteen dollars and twenty-five cents."  
"That's the exact sum, eh? Thank you."  
"Well—why did you want to know?"  
"I thought perhaps you'd forgotten it, that's all."

Facts in the Case.

"Say, Mister," said a tattered tramp, "can't you stake me to er dime. I'm de victim uv er washout."  
"Victim of a washout!" echoed the portly citizen in evident surprise.  
"Dat's wot," rejoined the tramp. "Honest, I ain't had nuthin' but water ter drink fer more'n ten days."

A Woman Would Ask.

"Here is an ad in dis paper about dat dog yer stole," said the first tough, "an' it says 'reward if returned an' no questions asked.'"  
"No questions asked?" replied the other tough. "Dat can't be dis dog; I stole dis dog from a woman."—Catholic Standard and Times.

He Knew That.

Miss Pechis—If it hadn't been for that new bulldog of papa's we'd have been robbed last night.  
Mr. Lovett—Indeed?  
Miss Pechis—Yes. A bulldog is certainly a good thing to have around.  
Mr. Lovett—Well—er—yes; except around one's coat tails.

Exchange of Badinage.

"Hello, old man, where did you get the suit?"  
"Bought it."  
"Oh, you needn't be afraid to tell me your tailor's name. I wouldn't go to him."  
"I'm not afraid of that. He doesn't give credit at all."

On the Stand.

Lawyer (in cross-examination)—Have you ever been arrested?  
Witness—Only three times in the past week.  
Lawyer—Where were the arrests made?  
Witness—in my automobile.

Did He Eat It?



Jones (at the country hotel)—Long time getting that egg. Were you waiting for the hen to lay it?  
Waiter—No; ther hen has been sittin' on it fer a week or so, an' we had a hard time ter git it away from her.

Clang of the Anvil Chorus.

Grayce—Edythe was born with a silver spoon in her mouth.  
Gladys—Judging by the size of the aperture one would say it was a ladie.  
Dorcas—If you've ever noticed her table manners you'd swear it was a knife.

No Further Necessity.

Maud—Well, I see Mabel Gallinghorn, after all these years, has given up trying to get Phil Sikes.  
Irene—What's the reason?  
Maud—Haven't you heard? She's got him.

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